

SENATE BILL 1615
By Bryson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-107, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (d) thereto:

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any person who is known to engage in or submit to current, voluntary sexual contact involving another person of the same gender.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (h) thereto:

(h) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any person who is known to engage in or submit to current, voluntary sexual contact involving another person of the same gender.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111(d), is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (7) thereto:

(7) No surrender or parental consent shall be valid if the surrendering or consenting party has knowledge that a prospective adoptive parent of the child is a homosexual, regardless of the state in which that prospective adoptive parent resides. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any person who is known to engage in or submit to current, voluntary sexual contact involving another person of the same gender.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.